



COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 199 "An Act Concerning the Observance of Veterans' Day"

CCM opposes SB 199.

The bill would prohibit towns and cities from conducting public school sessions on Veterans' Day. While CCM appreciates the intent behind this bill, we have concerns with the fiscal implications of the proposal – and, therefore, request that the committee obtain a fiscal note prior to voting on SB 199.

Additionally, the decision of how a town or city should observe Veterans' Day is one that should be decided at the local level. Many municipalities have made the decision to hold classes on Veterans' Day and use the occasion to conduct Veteran oriented events that educate students about the service and sacrifices made on their behalf, and on behalf of the country.

CCM asks the Committee to take no action on SB 199.

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